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REFERENCE:	Memorandum from D/ICS, to DDCI (DCI/ICS 82-3882/1)	25X1

As I told you on the secure line, we have now learned the following from FTD:

- a. There was no demonstration of the SYSTRAN system in Moscow.
- A representative from SYSTRAN was in Moscow and discussed "language pairs".
- c. However, neither the SYSTRAN Russian system nor the dictionaries used by FTD and the DDO "have left La Jolla".

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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SUBJECT:

Reply to Letter from David Burden of World Translation Company of Canada Limited (WTCC) Concerning Soviet Interest in the SYSTRAN system for machine translation

of Russian into English

REFERENCE:

Letter dated 19 October from David Burden to the DCI

- 1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached letter to Mr. Burden.
- 2. <u>Background</u>: In his 19 October letter (Attachment 1), Mr. Burden advised the DCI that Mr. Boris Antoniuk of the USSR Trade Council had approached Mr. Burden's U.S. representative concerning the SYSTRAN system for Russian-English machine translation. Mr. Burden, who notified his U.S. representative that he was not interested in doing business with the Soviets, informed the DCI for the record, that his company had never had possession of the SYSTRAN systems concerned with Russian or any copies of the Russian dictionaries used with those systems and had therefore not provided such materials to any persons or institutions. Since this is not the first correspondence received on this subject a brief account of the development of the SYSTRAN system and its proprietor's dealings with the United States Government is provided in Attachment 2 for your information.
 - 3. Recommendation: That you sign the attached letter to Mr. Burden.

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Rear Admiral, USN	

Attachments (3)

- 1. Letter to Mr. Burden
- 2. Reference
- 3. Background Paper

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